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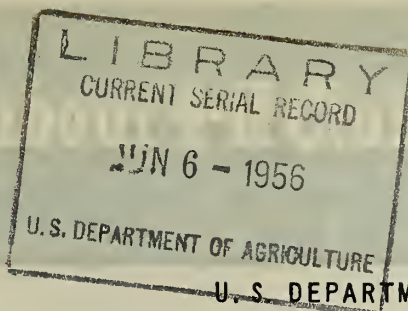
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Dear Coworkers:

Sometimes when we step over a threshold into a new or different culture and economy, we gain perspective. Such is the case when one travels to the Caribbean area to see the progress which is being made in agriculture and rural life in Puerto Rico and Jamaica.

These Latin-influenced islands of the Caribbean are beautiful and delightful in their appearance and hospitable in their reception to visitors. The blue waters of the Caribbean, punctuated by luxuriously-foliaged tropical islands, are a near paradise of loveliness. The climate too has year-around attractions. All these natural advantages have been somewhat overshadowed by severe problems. In past years the dense populations have been unable to maintain an output and productivity which will support a satisfactory standard of living.

Something has happened, within the last two decades, to change the future and perspective of these people. Human resolve and perseverance have teamed up with science, research and education to bring a new outlook. Here is an example, perhaps unequaled anywhere, of how education and science are dispersing man's most ancient of enemies--ignorance, poverty, disease and inertia.

We are proud to see the 4-H Club idea making such a significant contribution in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. With nearly 25,000 4-H members in Puerto Rico and 14,000 members in the British West Indies Island of Jamaica, it is possible to observe the great impact which youth education is making on the islands' welfare. Even the most casual observer can see how the family-centered 4-H project idea has helped to develop progressive thinking and attitudes. Extension work has been a force for progress in these densely populated areas.

Our sincerest of congratulations to Mr. Mayoral Reinat, Mr. Pedro Olivencia and the entire Puerto Rico staff. Likewise, we gained a very healthy respect for Mr. W. A. James, other staff members of the Jamaica Agricultural Society and the Minister of Agriculture for the work which is going on.

A consuming challenge overwhelmed us as we left these beautiful islands a month ago. How can we explore and exploit in comparable manner the later-day problems and modern situations facing youth on the Mainland, especially in the more densely centered areas? The comparable problems of juvenile delinquency, underdevelopment of youths' talents and resources and human and social relationships of young people are every bit as important as the

problems of the Caribbean 25 years ago. They are even more complex and difficult than the problems of sanitation, malnutrition and low economic production which were squarely faced and at least partly solved by the citizens of Puerto Rico and Jamaica in the last two decades. Our united efforts can help solve the later day problems too but it will take an equally enthusiastic and dedicated effort to accomplish it.

RUTLEDGE BECOMES SOUTHERN 4-H FIELD AGENT

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Lloyd Rutledge as 4-H field agent for the Southern Region. Mr. Rutledge first came to the Federal Extension staff from Arkansas in July 1955 as program leader in older 4-H member work in the Division of 4-H Club and YMW Programs. The resignation of George Foster, April 15, left the field agent position vacant.

At the recent meeting of the Southern Region Extension Directors, a proposal for the transfer of Mr. Rutledge to the Southern Region position was discussed and approved. We are delighted to arrange this transfer. Some of you may wish to make adjustments in your requests for field assistance from the Federal 4-H staff in accordance with this personnel change. Mr. Rutledge will be available for assistance to States in the Southern Region on a more intensive basis immediately but in keeping with our usual policy may accept some requests for assistance elsewhere as his schedule permits.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

Plans for the 1956 National 4-H Club Camp are progressing nicely. We are grateful to the States for promptly submitting information on delegates and other requested materials.

We are enclosing a copy of the Fact Sheet for National Camp.

Leaders Program

The first half of the week will be devoted to workshop-type programs. There will be regular meetings of four program development committees, namely health, electric, foods and nutrition, and National Events. Persons not on these committees have selected workshop groups for exploration of the program opportunities in:

1. Program projection in 4-H Club work
2. Development of programs for older 4-H Club members
3. Improving the volunteer adult 4-H Club leadership
4. Extending the influence of IFYE participants through related programs

During the latter half of the week, leaders will meet in general conference sessions to consider some other important aspects of the 4-H Club program. There will be an executive session of the State leaders on Tuesday, June 19.

Delegates Program

The delegates program will be quite similar to former years with the opportunity to hear inspiring talks followed by delegate discussions. Several new features will include an assembly in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, a choice of entertainment one evening, and an opportunity to review a military regimental parade. The annual trip to Mount Vernon will be in the morning instead of the afternoon as has always been customary. The President will receive the entire National Camp group at the White House Tuesday, June 19, at 11:15 a.m. All-States Day free time will be held Tuesday afternoon.

National Camp bulletins will be carrying more detailed information on plans for the Camp program.

CALENDAR AUTHORIZATIONS

Several States have inquired about the current status of 4-H calendar authorizations. You will recall that all outstanding authorizations were rescinded about one year ago. Several companies have re-expressed their interest and renegotiated authorizations through the calendar hang-up year 1958.

A list of the currently authorized 4-H calendars is enclosed with a brief description of the policy regarding authorizations.

RECENT RELEASE ON AWARDS FOR 4-H

So many of you have written us about a recent release in a home economics publication that it seems important to give you some background information. The March and April issues of "What's New in Home Economics" carried information about competition where 4-H Club members were invited to participate along with home economics students. The facts are that we had not known or authorized this before the March issue was in circulation. However, the editor of the magazine was unaware of the policies and regulations regarding 4-H Club name and emblem. As soon as this explanation was given to her, she withdrew plans for additional promotion in the May and June issues. The April issue was already on the presses.

There was absolutely no intent on the part of the magazine to violate 4-H procedures. On the contrary, the editor and her staff have the highest regard for 4-H and were sincere in their desire to promote and further the work. We have suggested a discussion of any further plans or programs well in advance of printing deadlines.

WAYS WE COOPERATE WITH F.F.A.

We have noted many fine examples of harmonious relations with our co-workers in F.F.A. and similar programs. Recently at least two States have issued a constructive statement of joint activities and positive ways of working together. Such statements have reached us from Montana and from Oregon, although probably several other States have similar materials we have not seen. The two mentioned above are primarily listings of how the groups cooperate and on what activities they see further opportunity to work together. They are not formal documents, but guidelines to be used in getting new workers oriented into both programs. Both of these statements are in tentative form and will be discussed further later this year. Our Division staff members were luncheon hosts May 7 to Director William Spanton and members of the F.F.A. staff here in Washington. We shared with them some profitable discussion about such topics as plans for the 4-H Center, their F.F.A. operations at Alexandria, Va., shows which involve both 4-H and F.F.A., and events such as Y.O.A., where a joint program is conducted.

EXHIBITS AT CLUB CONGRESS

The letter from L. J. McMillan, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, Colorado, concerning 4-H Club exhibits at the International Livestock Exposition is another opportunity to give recognition to some outstanding 4-H Club member in your State and to help tell the 4-H story to a national audience. We hope you have had some nominations for Larry.

CONSUMER MARKETING CONFERENCE

Our Division has participated in two of the three regional conferences for consumer marketing specialists--Tena Bishop at East Lansing and Fern Shipley at Corvallis. Increasingly, States are telling us that they are discovering how this important facet of Extension work has a relationship to 4-H Club programs.

4-H CLUB LEADERS' SECTION AT AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION PRE-CONVENTION

An interesting opportunity is planned for State 4-H Club workers who will be attending the AHEA Pre-convention on Monday, June 25. The program, starting at 2:00 p.m., Room 6026, USDA, includes greetings by Miss Gertrude L. Warren, and a report by Kathleen Flom of the 4-H Foundation. Kathleen will chat with us about her recent European trip made in the interest of the IFYE program.

Now, all we need to know is whether we will have any customers. Will you please let us know if any members of your staff will be coming to Washington and plan to participate in this program?

FARM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES CONSIDER 4-H

Opportunities to strengthen 4-H Club work in farm management were one of the main items on the agenda at a recent meeting of the Northeastern Extension Committee on Farm Management. A subcommittee is being appointed to work with the Federal Extension Service in the further development of this phase of the agricultural 4-H Club program.

The Farm Management committee meeting in Atlanta took similar action.

YOUNG OUTDOOR AMERICANS

Thirty 4-H Club members participated in the third annual Young Outdoor Americans Conference, held at Sioux City, Iowa, under the sponsorship of the Izaak Walton League. The conference featured discussions about soil conditions, problems and needs, plus an informative field tour.

Adults with the group, in addition to FES representatives, were A. L. Baker, Pa., chairman of the Subcommittee; Jean Purington, 4-H Club Agent from Rhode Island; and John B. Sharp, Extension Forester of Tennessee.

Consideration is being given to the plan under which the event might be continued. If the present plan continues, it means that each State might have a 4-H delegate two years out of each three, on a rotation basis. The Boy Scouts and F.F.A. groups share the rotation plan and participate in the event with us on a combined basis.

FIELD CROPS DEVELOPMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETS

A second meeting of the Field Crops Committee was held in Chicago, April 30 - May 2. Final editing has been made on the Field Crops Leaders Manual. It's a super one and will be off the press soon. You have already received copies of the promotional leaflet, "Let's Make the Best Crops Better". These are examples of the excellent features coming from this active developmental committee.

GREEN TROUSERS FOR STATE USE

Frequently, States using green trousers as a part of their own State 4-H uniform for boys, have inquired about a source of supply for the green trousers. This matter has come repeatedly to the Uniform and Supplies Committee, which has turned to Norm Johnson, of the National Committee, for help.

Suitable dark green cotton twill trousers have now been located in the current stocks of Sears, Roebuck and Company. They are made up in 8½ oz., Type IV Army Twill, Sanforized, mercerized and vat dyed-- specifications many of you asked about. Other sources may be available in your own area. However, this is the only one we know of at present. If you are one of the States that is interested, you might want to investigate Lot 507 in boys sizes and Lot 520 in student sizes. Larger sizes are available in work clothes listing.

FIRST AID SUPPLIES FOR CAMPS

We have had recent correspondence with the firm that has, over a period of years, supplied free first-aid supplies for 4-H Camps. You will shortly be receiving a letter offering to send supplies to your State.

TRI-STATE YMW CONFERENCE

The sixth annual Tri-State Conference, drew 320 young people from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. The continuation of this event, and the growing participation, indicates that it meets a need with the young adult group. The participating States cooperate in planning, conducting, and evaluating the program, which this year was themed to "Developing Ourselves for Leadership." C. P. Lang, Assistant State Leader, Pennsylvania, was conference chairman.

"TIM'S CHOICE", A FILM ABOUT 4-H

"Tim's Choice", a film described as an over-the-shoulder look at 4-H Club work, has been shown so far to more than 3500 farm family audiences across the country. You probably know that this film, produced by John Deere Company, was originally produced for showing at a series of Family Days. We now learn that 16mm prints of the film will be available through district offices of the company. There may be a possibility, also, of other methods of distribution.

4-H FILM - THE GREEN PROMISE

By now you have doubtless received a notice from James E. Alford, Acting Chief of Distribution, Motion Picture Service, on the availability of prints of "The Green Promise"?

With regard to the use of 35mm prints of this film, these showings would not be theatrical in a true meaning of the word. Generally, the prints would be desired for showing at 4-H Achievement Days and similar events, the theatre owner providing the use of his facilities for the gathering as a public service. Therefore, you would want to suggest that 4-H Leaders interested in having the film shown in theatres, request the theatre owner to communicate with Quality Films regarding 35mm prints.

MARTIN BOOK IN COUNTY OFFICES

Massachusetts reports placing a copy of the new book, "The 4-H Leader's Handbook," by T. T. Martin on the book shelf in each county Extension office. We know this will be quite helpful in the local leader training programs. Congratulations, Massachusetts!

JAPANESE CHILDREN OFFER FLOWER SEEDS AS TOKENS OF FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE

The National School-Garden Association in Japan is launching a program where Japanese children will collect flower seeds to be shipped to boys and girls in America as a token of their friendship and their hope for peace. This project is being handled by the National Commission for UNESCO. Any State interested in participating in this exchange should advise the Executive Secretary, Max McCullough. His address is: The United States National Commission for UNESCO, Department of State, Washington 25, D. C.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND DATES AHEAD

THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY - May 14 - 16

The Conference brings together on a nonpartisan basis leaders of American business, agriculture, labor, Federal, State and local Governments, insurance, education, and private safety organizations, to devise cooperative means of reducing occupational deaths and injuries in American industry.

Several Extension workers and a selected group of volunteer leaders and older 4-H members will share ideas and bring suggestions back to us for Extension programs.

RURAL YOUTH U.S.A. - September 9 - 13

May we confirm the dates and also the location as being the campus of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Theme for the conference will be "Rural Youth Meets a Changing Earth." Sub-topics under the theme are: Individual progress, family unit, community cooperation, and international understanding. The planning groups expressed the feeling that exploring these areas would help rural young people make adjustments and contributions in their daily lives.

WESTERN REGIONAL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - Madrid, Iowa - June 1 to 3

Young adults from 18 to 30 are invited to attend. The conference is of particular interest to young people who are no longer participating in 4-H Club work and are not yet very active in adult organizations.

MEETING OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON SAFETY - October 19 - 20

Randall Swanson, chairman, announces that the dates, October 19-20, were selected to be just in advance of the National Safety Congress. Committee members may find it possible to stay over for at least a day or two to participate in the youth section of the Congress.

FARM CITY WEEK - NOVEMBER 16-22

The success of the program last year has prompted much interest in the planning for the 1956 observance. The program is designed to bring about a better understanding of and appreciation for the American way of life.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (1957)

Local school and community youth organizations are invited to help observe the anniversary theme of "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward".

In developing plans for 1957, you may see opportunity for young people in your State to show the contribution education has made to our progress. These are some of the ways suggested:

- (1) Dramatize education yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
- (2) Analyze the importance of mathematics, the physical sciences, and social studies to American progress and standards of living.
- (3) Help the public appreciate the skills, values, and knowledge that are being acquired through educational programs.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE

TOWARD BROADER HORIZONS

Here is an initial example of what can be done in program building for older 4-H members. The five program areas which are developed in this publication come as a result of your interest and expression of need. They are intended to serve as outlines or guides on which you may build an enriched program particularly adapted to fill the needs and interests of teenage members. Here we have a real challenge and a great potential.

Enclosed are copies for each 4-H staff member. You will note the distribution which is being given this publication - page 1. Please note the basic reasons for selecting these particular five program areas - page 2.

EXTENSION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NON-FARM PUBLIC

We know you will want to give careful study to this important statement and to file it for your future guidance. It was developed recently to be included with a mailing to State Directors from the Administrator's office.

HELPING ALVIN STAY IN SCHOOL

We are indebted to Laurel Sabrosky for first suggesting your possible interest in the rural education leaflet, "Helping Alvin Stay in School". A copy is enclosed. You will agree that it fits perfectly into our own program of retaining 4-H Club members.

EARMARKS OF FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

We think you will want this informative leaflet on the farm and home development method of doing Extension work. It was developed by a subcommittee of the Farm and Home Task Force as a way of indicating the concept of the method.

AUTOMOTIVE CARE AND SAFETY (Report of the Exploratory Committee)

Since the Exploratory Committee on Automotive Care and Safety meeting in December, several States have continued to develop this project. Ohio for example, has developed some literature outlines.

On March 1, the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work discussed the Exploratory Committee Report and a task force committee was appointed to further develop and implement this program.

A copy of the Exploratory Committee Report is enclosed.

EDITORIAL "IKE WON'T BE A HERMIT"

Perhaps some of you saw the editorial by Peter Edson which came out in many papers across the country following the visit of the six 4-H Club members to see the President. We thought you might enjoy reading this if you have not already done so.

13TH NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK

For your use are a copy of the Proclamation by President Eisenhower, a memorandum by Secretary Benson, and an interesting brochure illustrating the theme "Safety Pays All Ways".

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE 4-H KINDRED GROUP (American Camping Association)

Arden Peterson chairmanned the meeting at Detroit in February. Originally, distribution of the report was made only to delegates who attended. Arden concurs that all of you would probably want it for your Camp files.

CONSERVATION IN CAMPING

We have found some States do not have in their files the bulletin "Conservation in Camping", which resulted from a workshop held in 1951. It was published by the Soil Conservation Service. We were able to secure one copy per State for your files. The supply in SCS is about exhausted on this bulletin and there is no plan for a reissue.

FILMS FOR USE WITH OLDER 4-H MEMBERS

Good Film Suggestions - Have you often wished for a list of films particularly adapted to promote discussion and to introduce subjects which would be of interest to teenagers? Films of this kind should be quite useful to you in your leader training work with agents and volunteer leaders. Here we have an opportunity to make a real impact on some factors that influence our work on older 4-H member programs.

Attached is a ^{tentative} list that has been assembled by Lloyd Rutledge from the recommendations received from many of you. Please let us have your comments about this listing and we hope you will add your suggestions.

NEW BULLETINS ISSUED BY STATES

"Statistical Report of 4-H Club Work in Oregon" is another of those fine tools which help agents evaluate their achievements in 4-H Club work. The bulletin summarizes accomplishments in 1955 and points up opportunities for further progress in 1956.

"A 4-H Conservation Guide" (Colorado). Here is an attractive new project bulletin, written especially for Colorado conditions by Carl W. Herzman, Extension Conservationist. To use with it is "Colorado 4-H Conservation Record Book."

"Better Farms and Homes", periodical letter to YFH officers by Lester L. Osborn, sports a new cover. Many State YMW workers are already on the mailing list for this and other "Les Osborn productions".

In the Audio-Visual Exchange Package this time are some attractive materials on 4-H exhibits by Earle Carpenter, Extension Communications Specialist in Massachusetts. These include "4-H Exhibits That Tell a Story" and "Rating Sheets for 4-H Exhibits". Your editor would have a copy of this material.

Pennsylvania's contributions to the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative 4-H Club publication series, now includes the following in the Handyman series: removable spice rack, drawer dividers, cut back shelf, sturdy footstool, book and magazine storage, vertical storage, removable bench shelf.

"Producing Grain Sorghum" and "Nebraska 4-H Poultry Production" are two more 4-H project manuals in Nebraska. Don Wiles is doing a real job of cooperating with subject-matter specialists in helping get 4-H literature produced.

"Outdoor Food and Fun" (Idaho). Available in printed form, after a trial period in mimeographed form. New is a mimeograph "Outdoor Eats and Treats", with an accompanying leaders' guide for this second project.

"4-H Home Improvement Guide" (Massachusetts). Three new units for girls in their teens: "Use Your Hands," "Time and Skill," "Let's Add Glamour." Each unit has suggestions for a Show 'n Tell and a Club tour.

"Undercover Story" (North Carolina). An entertaining and informative leaflet which includes buymanship tips and care for underwear. Clever titles and illustrations.

"Opportunities for 4-H Adult Leader" (North Carolina). Attractive promotional leaflet for recruiting leaders.

"4-H Project Manual" (Virginia). Lists in outline form the available projects, the requirements for completions, and the reference material. For agents use.

"Join a 4-H Club Today" (Virginia) Circular 677. A promotional leaflet directed toward interesting youth in 4-H, and adults for volunteering their leadership.

"Calling All Youth" (Wyoming). This envelope-size recruitment leaflet includes a card for prospective members to mail to county agents.

Many States issue awards handbooks. Two we have seen recently are "Hawaii 4-H Club Awards Handbook, 1956", and "Michigan 4-H Achievement Awards, 1956". The latter organized the material due on three different reporting dates.

IDEAS-IN-ACTION - SOME OF THE THINGS BEING DONE IN THE STATES

ALASKA - Sled Dog Project

Here is a new 4-H project that probably would not be duplicated in many places. It is one more example of adapting 4-H endeavor to local needs and opportunities.

CALIFORNIA - Follow-up on Advisory Committee

Agents doing 4-H Club work have shared in a series of discussion meetings where they gave consideration to recommendations made by the State 4-H Advisory committee. The best thinking of a highly qualified committee surveyed eight major areas of 4-H operations and philosophy. Members' recommendations were then used as the springboard for further consideration by the entire staff. The recommendations will go into effect only when, by group process, they are fully understood.

IDAHO - Program Projection

A county youth committee in Bannock County has been doing some good program projection. This committee is composed of community leaders from most of the communities in the county plus banking and civic club representatives. The group has held two meetings. The first was on looking at the situation and youth problems in the county and the second meeting has been on developing a course of action.

KANSAS - Specialists Assist State 4-H Leaders Conference

Eight agricultural and home economics Extension specialists were included in the staff for the State 4-H Club Leaders Conference April 17-19. They led discussions of 4-H Club projects in their fields, explained use of literature and gave suggestions for demonstrations and judging work. The team included specialists for home furnishings, health, recreation, home management, soil conservation, architecture, horticulture and farm management. In addition, Miss Mae Baird, State home demonstration leader, spoke on the privileges of leadership.

Another highlight of the conference was a discussion on the personal financial accounts activity, new in the Kansas program. The discussion brought out that account-keeping was actually a part of every club project and that family planning and understanding grow out of 4-H'ers' interest in planning and keeping records of their personal finances.

MARYLAND - Bankers Hear About 4-H

A 4-H Club member, Charles W. Coale Jr., has been invited to represent and tell about 4-H at the annual meeting of the Maryland Bankers' Associations in Atlantic City, May 13-15.

MASSACHUSETTS - Teen Tour Features Careers

Career exploration was the theme of the 10th annual 4-H Teen Tour. More than 300 high school 4-H Club girls had a firsthand look into possible careers, including Extension, teaching, nursing, newspaper writing, occupational therapy, etc. Speaker was a former Club girl and Extension worker, now a home economics writer on a Boston newspaper.

MINNESOTA - Older 4-H is Theme

The 1956 State 4-H Club Week program on the University Campus is being developed to especially appeal and emphasize older 4-H member programs.

MISSOURI - Task Force Committee on Older 4-H

One more milestone in the Missouri plan to take a long and deep look at their 4-H Club program, was the meeting of the task force on programs for older 4-H. This is one of five major committees, each considering a specific and important section of the 4-H operations.

MONTANA - Grain Marketing Tour

An excellent tour at Great Falls, Montana, is similar to those conducted in several States. It is an example of adult learning experiences for members at least 17 years of age, and qualified by experience and maturity, to understand the complex marketing processes.

Montana has prepared an informative summary of the tour. It probably would not have copies for wide distribution but might possibly lend a copy to a State with a particular interest.

MONTANA - Group Study by Older 4-H

In Fergus County, a family on the farm and home development program saw the potential of projecting its work into the local 4-H Club program. M. E. Quenemoen, Farm Management Specialist assisted. The entire club is taking the study of "Insurance" as a group project. Discussion guides on Life Insurance record sheets have been prepared.

NEBRASKA - New and Revised Projects

Club members have a choice of several completely new projects and also some that have been recently revised, including: Grain sorghum, wild life conservation, advanced electrification baking cakes and pies, safety in the home, commercial beef breeding, market poultry, and a new manual for junior leadership. Other project revisions are still in process.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - Citizenship

New Hampshire has developed some study guide sheets for 4-H members, aimed to give additional incentive for members to become informed on their county and State governments. C. B. Wadleigh is especially enthusiastic on this citizenship work. C. B. is past chairman of the National Citizenship Committee.

The titles are:

1. Things That 4-H Members Do To Be Better Citizens
2. This is My County
3. What I Know About My State Government
4. My Rating As An Active (4-H) Citizen

PENNSYLVANIA - Older Member Exchange

How is this for a Good-Neighbor Policy? Pennsylvania 4-H leaders attended Junior Farmers Association Conference in Guelph, Ontario. Canadian representatives attended the Tri-State Extension Conference at Pocono Manor near Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Leaders Meeting

Dr. Mary Ruth Rapp was the resource consultant and speaker at the April 27-29 leaders' meeting held at Camp Long. Those of you who heard Dr. Rapp's report at Club Congress would appreciate the stimulating opportunity provided for the South Carolina State Leaders Meeting.

WEST VIRGINIA - Volunteer 4-H Club Leaders Conference

The first important 4-H conference of the season at Jackson's Mill will be the one for volunteer 4-H Club leaders, to be held May 28 to June 2. Other important 4-H conferences include:

Conference of Older 4-H Club Members, Music
Leaders, and Recreation Leaders

Boys' State 4-H Camp

Girls' State 4-H Club Camp

VERMONT - Agent Training

County 4-H Club agents gave special consideration, April 11-13 to 4-H committee recommendations, plus a look at vitality factors affecting success in 4-H.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

Congratulations to O. F. Gaebe, who has been named to head agricultural 4-H Club work in Illinois, succeeding the late E. I. Pilchard. "Ollie" has been a member of the Illinois 4-H staff since September 1, 1936. Before that he had been a vocational agriculture instructor at Salem for six years.

L. S. Kurtz, now on leave from New Mexico for an assignment in Pakistan, will return to the State as Assistant Director of Extension. The new appointment will be held for him until he completes his foreign assignment. Joining the New Mexico staff as Associate State 4-H Club Leader is Dorman C. Brookey. Dorman has been a successful county worker since 1950, and was a New Mexico 4-H Club member.

Glenn Bussett, Assistant State Club Leader in Kansas, has been doing graduate work at Cornell University on the new Ford Foundation scholarship. As part of the year's work, he and the other fellows will spend three months abroad, visiting countries to study their Extension Services. This fall he will go to Hyderabad, India, to begin a two-year period as an adviser there on Extension programs.

Ramona L. Esbeck is newly appointed Assistant State Girls' 4-H Club Leader in Iowa. She begins her duties on June 1.

Marian Fisher, Home Demonstration Agent of Fulton County, comes to the Georgia 4-H Club Staff on June 1. Marian fills the position left vacant when Sybil Smith resigned to be married.

Mississippi announces the appointment of Garrett E. Gray as Negro Assistant Boys' Club Agent. He was a county Extension worker before his appointment on March 1.

Several staff members have indicated fall plans for study leave. Among these are Gladys Oller of Wyoming, Dorothy Duncan of California, Beatrice Cleveland of Ohio, and Mildred Howell of Massachusetts, who have indicated they plan to study at Wisconsin. Fred Bruny of Ohio is currently taking two month's study leave.

On the occasion of the Ohio 4-H Leaders Recognition luncheon, Eva Kinsey was presented with a cluster of clover pins by Mrs. Jane Lausche, wife of Governor Frank Lausche. This was a gift from the present and former State 4-H staff members. Eva is retiring in June.

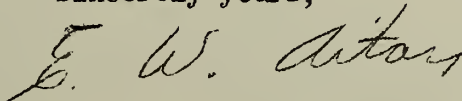
Six State 4-H Club leaders were in the Washington office during the period May 14 through 16. Bill Pease, Joe McAuliffe, Phyllis Stout, and Harold Sweet of the New York staff were here beginning May 14. Tommy Walton of Georgia and Kenneth Coombs of Rhode Island joined the group on May 15.

We were delighted with this opportunity to help provide experiences tailored to the needs of either new or long-time 4-H workers. Our staff has had many opportunities to meet with Directors here on similar schedules but, so far, has had/few visits from State 4-H Leaders.

With the many demands upon our time and our energies, and the complex nature of the many strands that must be kept running smoothly together, it is important that we keep our eyes on the "big look". Charles G. Noble, said this very effectively:

"You must have long-range goals to keep you from being frustrated by short-range failures."

Sincerely yours,



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4-H Club and YMW Programs

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Mylo Downey
C. C. Lang
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